Rs. 528/-per metric tonne to Rs. 578/-per petric tonne with effect from 1/4/1996 subject to adjustments on notification of the final rate of royalty and finalisation of crude oil price in due course.

Optional PRBS scheme of ONGC

1974. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has introduced optional PRBS with effect from 1st April, 1990; if so, how many officers and staff have opted and not opted for the scheme;

(b) whether any actuary report has been obtained before introduction of the aforesaid scheme, if yes, what was the report of actuary and names of actuary;

(c) whether the said PRBS is self-contributory; if so, what is the total financial contribution of ONGC in each year from the 1st April, 1990 to till date besides employees contribution; and

(d) whether Government thinks that the said PRBS scheme will be viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Diesel/Petrol Consumed by Government Vehicles

1975. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of petrol and diesel consumed by Central Government vehicles every year, figures for the years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and so far in 1997 may be given;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to reduce consumption of petrol and diesel;

(c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Special Cut Naphtha Extracted by BPC

1976. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC) extracts special cut naphtha from wide cut (normal naphtha);

(b) whether the above affects production of HSD, a deficit product in the country, if so, the yield loss of HSD per tonne of special cut naphtha produced;

(c) the quantity of special cut naphtha produced and the list of consumers, during the last three years; and

(d) whether shortfall in production in HSD is being made good vis-a-vis import cost and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) BPCL Refinery at Mumbai produces Special Cut Naphtha (SCN) from crude oil. This affects the production of diesel which is reduced of the order of 0.9 MT per Metric Tonne of SCN produced based on the current operating data.